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SUBJECT: UN FIFTH COMMITTEE - SUMMARY OF 44TH MEETING,  
DECEMBER 8, 1976

1. SUMMARY: IN EVENING MEETING DECEMBER 8, FIFTH COMMITTEE, WITHOUT OBJECTION IN ALL INSTANCES, TOOK DECISION ON FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF HOLDING 6TH SESSION OF 3RD CONFERENCE ON LAW OF SEA, ACCEPTED DECISION PROPOSED BY POLAND CONCERNING USE OF EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS, AND DECISION ON UTILIZATION OF OFFICE SPACE AT HEADQUARTERS. IT POSTPONED CONSIDERATION OF PATTERN OF CONFERENCES IN ORDER TO REFLECT ON USSR AMENDMENT ABOUT ALTERNATING MEETINGS OF LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE ON PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE BETWEEN NEW YORK AND GENEVA AND TO AWAIT INDIAN PROPOSAL REGARDING BEARING OF COSTS OF HOLDING CONFERENCES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. END SUMMARY
2. ITEM 100 (SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS) - NOT ON AGENDA. ON POINT OF ORDER US (ROSENSTOCK) SAID IT DID NOT OBJECT TO TAKING UP ITEMS OTHER THAN SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS AS LONG AS NO OTHER DELEGATE OBJECTED, IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT COMMITTEE REMAINED IN VOTING SITUATION AND WOULD RETURN TO ITEM 100 AT SAME POINT IT LEFT IT. CHAIRMAN SAID HE AGREED FULLY.

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3. ITEM 92

(A) ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF HOLDING SIXTH SESSION OF THIRD CONFERENCE ON LAW OF THE SEA: ACABQ REPORT WAS INTRODUCED. USSR (VISLYKH) SAID IT COULD NOT SUPPORT PROPOSED MANNER OF FINANCING SIXTH SESSION, REPEATING OFT- STATED REASON THAT IT SHOULD BE FINANCED BY FREED RESOURCES. UK (STUART) AGREED IN GENERAL WITH ACABQ REPORT BUT WANTED CONFIRMATION OF JUSTIFICATION OF SPECIFIC BUDGETARY PROVISION FOR PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS; HE DID AGREE THAT EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO SUCCESS OF CONFERENCE. BUDGET DIRECTOR LAVAU REPLIED TO UK THAT SECRETARY GENERAL IS NOT REQUESTING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FOR PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS OR ANYTHING ELSE PENDING STUDY OF OVERALL MEETINGS SERVICING NEEDS. UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL ZULETA OF CONFERENCE ON LAW OF SEA SAID IN REPLY TO OTHER QUESTIONS THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO RENEW STAFF CONTRACTS FOR TWO YEARS IN ORDER TO CONCLUDE WORK IN TIME, AND SPECIAL CONSULTANTS WOULD BE CALLED IN FOR FINAL DRAFTING OF CONVENTION, THOUGH UP TO PRESENT A MINIMAL NUMBER HAD BEEN EMPLOYED. COMMITTEE AGREED, WITHOUT OBJECTION, TO INFORM GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT, SHOULD IT ADOPT DRAFT RESOLUTION IN A/31/L.4, AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF \$1,341,000 UNDER SECTION 2 AND \$82,000 UNDER SECTION 4 OF PB FOR 76/77 WOULD BE REQUIRED; FURTHER, AN ADDITIONAL \$200,000 UNDER SECTION 25 OFFSET BY INCOME SECTION 1. CONFERENCE SERVICING COSTS AMOUNTING TO \$2,500,000 WOULD BE CONSIDERED LATER IN LIGHT OF REVISED CALENDAR. ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT PROVISIONS OF FINANCIAL REGULATION 5.9 AS AMENDED REGARDING PARTICIPATION BY NON-MEMBERS BE APPLIED TO THIRD UN CONFERENCE ON LAW OF SEA.

(B) USE OF EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS: SEVERAL DELEGATIONS SPOKE ABOUT LATEST SECRETARY GENERAL REPORT ON THIS SUBJECT (A/C.5/31/10/ADD.1), MOST EXPRESSING RESERVATIONS EITHER ABOUT ITS PAUCITY OF INFORMATION OR ABOUT THE ALLEGED FAILURE TO USE SUFFICIENT LDC EXPERTS. ECUADOR (LOPEZ) STRESSED NEED TO RECRUIT EXPERTS FROM LDC'S. UKRAINE (MATSEIKO) PRESSED FOR BETTER INFORMATION ABOUT QUALIFICATIONS. ALSO COULD NOT UNDERSTAND THEIR NEED IN PUBLIC INFORMATION AREA; POINTED OUT HOW FEW EE EXPERTS HIRED. VENEZUELA (GAMBOA) SAID MORE EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS SHOULD BE RECRUITED FROM UNCLASSIFIED

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COUNTRIES WHERE PROBLEMS ARE TO BE SOLVED. FRANCE (NAUDY) ASKED HOW EXPERTS ARE RECRUITED, HOW THEIR QUALIFICATIONS ARE JUDGED, AND WHAT PROVISION HAS BEEN MADE FOR NOW RENEWING THOSE FOUND UNSATISFACTORY. US (NORBURY) SAID US ALSO TROUBLED BY DIFFICULTY SECRETARIAT EVIDENTLY HAD IN EVALUATING QUALIFICATIONS OF EXPERTS, CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS. MADAGASCAR (RASOLONDRABE) SAID SECRETARY GENERAL'S LATEST REPORT RAISED MORE QUESTIONS THAN IT PROVIDED ANSWERS. CHIEF OF RECRUITMENT

SERVICES TARZI REPLIED TO ABOVE QUESTIONS, SAYING BETTER PROCEDURES ON HIRING EXPERTS HAVE BEEN ADOPTED AND ARE BEING APPLIED, ROSTER IS BEING DEVELOPED, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION, AND THAT FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED ARE COST AND URGENCY OF WORK; ADMITTED THAT MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE ON EVALUATION OF EXPERTS. UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL DAVIDSON ELABORATED UPON NUMBER OF FORMS BEING USED IN HIRING AND EVALUATING EXPERTS AND ASSURED VENEZUELA THAT STATISTICS SHOW SIGNIFICANT PERCENTAGE OF EXPERTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. POLAND (ABRASZEWSKI) PROPOSED AND COMMITTEE ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION ORAL DECISION TO EFFECT THAT GENERAL ASSEMBLY TAKE NOTE OF REPORTS OF SECRETARY GENERAL ON USE OF EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS IN THE UN AND THE ORAL REPORT OF THE ACABQ; REAFFIRM 1974 AND 1975 DECISIONS ON THIS SUBJECT AND REQUEST SECRETARY GENERAL SUBMIT REPORT TO 32ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THEIR IMPLEMENTATION.

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4. ITEM 98 - PATTERN OF CONFERENCES:- A/31/32: AFGHANISTAN (RASOULI) SAID IT COULD NOT AGREE WITH IDEA OF QUOTA ON CONFERENCES. POLAND (ZDROJOWY) CITED STRIKING AND UNNECESSARY LOSS OF RESOURCES CAUSED BY LATE MEETINGS AND CALLED FOR EFFECTIVE PRACTICAL EFFORTS TO REDUCE COSTS AND PRODUCE BETTER OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES. NEW ZEALAND (TROTTER) THOUGHT COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES (C/C) HAD DONE GOOD WORK BUT HAD MUCH MORE TO DO IN FUTURE. USSR (VISLYKH) PROPOSED ORAL AMENDMENT TO

C/C DRAFT RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS: "SESSIONS OF LEGAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF COMMITTEE ON PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE SHALL BE HELD ALTERNATELY IN NEW YORK AND GENEVA." US (NORBURY) SAID IT OPPOSED USSR AMENDMENT SINCE NO REASON FOR IT HAD BEEN GIVEN. RECALLED THAT C/C'S 1975 RECOMMENDATION THAT LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEET ONLY AT HEADQUARTERS INSTEAD OF ALTERNATING HAD BEEN ONE OF C/C'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN ITS FIRST YEAR, WHICH WAS ENDORSED BY FIFTH COMMITTEE. POLAND UPHELD USSR REQUEST, POINTING OUT IT ACCORDED WITH WISH OF SUBCOMMITTEE; IT WAS HIGHLY SPECIALIZED GROUP WHICH SERIOUSLY WANTED TO ALTERNATE AND HAVE ACCESS TO DOCUMENTATION AND LIBRARIES IN GENEVA. CANADA (HAHN) AND UK (STUART) THOUGHT DECISION OF C/C SHOULD BE UPHELD ALTHOUGH C/C MIGHT BE ASKED TO RE-STUDY IT NEXT YEAR. USSR NOTED THAT MATTER WAS NOT DISCUSSED BY C/C THIS YEAR. FRANCE (DERRE) AND NETHERLANDS (RHODIUS) THOUGHT C/C SHOULD TAKE UP MATTER AS PRIORITY WHEN UNCLASSIFIED

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IT MEETS AGAIN. HOWEVER, FRANCE COULD ACCEPT SOVIET PROPOSAL. KENYA (OKEYO) ASKED FOR POSTPONEMENT OF ITEM BECAUSE INDID (WHICH WAS ABSENT) WANTED TO INSERT A PARAGRAPH OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO HIS DELEGATION AND GHANA RELATING TO PARAGRAPH 93 CONCERNING BEARING OF COSTS OF CONFERENCES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. TO COMPLY WITH KENYAN REQUEST AND ALSO TO GIVE MORE TIME TO CONSIDER USSR AMENDMENT, ACTION ON DRAFT RESOLUTION WAS DEFERRED UNTIL LATER MEETING.

5. ITEM 99(A) - UN ACCOMMODATION: NETHERLANDS (RHODIUS) SUGGESTED POSTPONEMENT OF MATTER OF EXTRA BUDGETARY STAFF UNTIL MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE. TRINIDAD/TOBAGO (THOMAS) SAID OVERCROWDED HEADQUARTERS HAD NOT BEEN HELPED BY UNDC BUILDING; ACCOMMODATIONS THERE SHOULD BE STUDIED IN RELATION TO MOVE TO VIENNA; GENEVA HAS MANY UNRELATED UNITS AND HOPED VIENNA WOULD OFFER BETTER LOCATION OF STAFF AND UNITS; AND FAVORED STRENGTHENING SPACE ALLOCATION FUNCTION OF OFFICE OF GENERAL SERVICES. JAPAN (AKASHI) THOUGHT UN, LIKE GOVERNMENTS, SHOULD DOUBLE AND TRIPLE JUNIOR PROFESSIONALS IN OFFICE SPACE, WHICH WAS GOOD FOR SUPERVISION, TRAINING, AND INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATIONS; UN SHOULD BE SELECTIVE IN GIVING SPACE TO NEWS AGENCIES, PROVIDING IT TO THOSE GIVING BEST COVERAGE TO UN ACTIVITIES; FACILITIES TO BANK AND TRAVEL SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THOSE OFFERING BEST SERVICE, NOT BASED UPON HISTORICAL FACTORS BUT ON COMPETITIVE BIDDING; AND JOINED OTHERS CALLING FOR BETTER SPACE MANAGEMENT POLICY AT HEADQUARTERS. USSR (VISLYKH) THOUGHT AGENCIES PAYING LITTLE OR NO RENT SHOULD BE MOVED; SA AND IAEA LIAISON OFFICES SHOULD PAY FULL COMMERCIAL RATE. COMMITTEE, WITHOUT OBJECTION, DECIDED TO RECOMMEND TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT (1) IT TAKE NOTE OF REPORTS OF JIU ON UTILIZATION OF OFFICE SPACE AND REPORTS OF SYG AND ACC THEREON AND (2) CONCUR WITH COMMENTS

AND OBSERVATIONS OF ACABQ IN A/31/8/ADD.4.  
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